

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
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 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
 County of: Sierra
 Address: 100 Courthouse Square
Downieville, CA 95936

From:

Public Agency: Yuba County Water Agency
 Address: 1220 F Street
Marysville, CA 95901
 Contact: John James
 Phone: 530-741-5000

Lead Agency (if different from above):
 Address: _____
 Contact: _____
 Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2024101277

Project Title: Yuba River Development Project and Narrows Hydroelectric Project FERC Relicensings

Project Applicant: Yuba County Water Agency

Project Location (include county): Yuba, Nevada, and Sierra Counties, CA (see attached Figs. 1 and 2)

Project Description:

See attached Project Description.

This is to advise that the Yuba County Water Agency has approved the above
 Lead Agency or Responsible Agency

described project on October 21, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Yuba County Water Agency, 1220 F Street, Marysville, CA 95901 <https://www.yubawater.org/DocumentCenter/View/8615/Yuba-River-Development-Project-and-Narrows-Final-Environmental-Impact-Report-PDF>

Signature (Public Agency): Jacob Vander Meulen Title: Environmental Manager

Date: October 21, 2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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County of Sierra

Heather Foster
County Clerk-Recorder

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Project Description

Yuba County Water Agency (Yuba Water) has applied for relicensing of both the Yuba River Development Project (YRDP) and the Narrows Hydroelectric Project (Narrows Project) to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), each for a 50-year term, that would allow for the continued operations and maintenance of the existing YRDP and Narrows Project hydropower facilities.

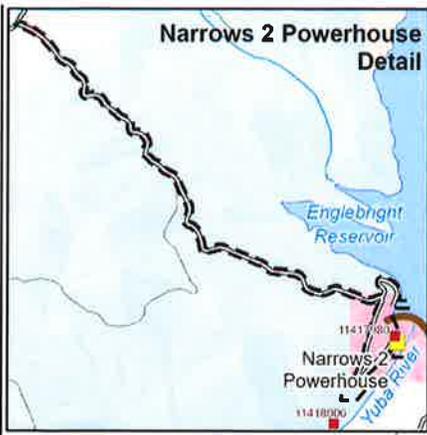
To continue operating the YRDP and Narrows Project under new FERC licenses, Yuba Water will need to comply with all terms and conditions that FERC includes in the new licenses, as well as other mandatory conditions identified by state and federal agencies during the relicensing process. Mandatory conditions that will apply to the new FERC licenses will include conditions identified by the U.S. Forest Service pursuant to section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act and water quality certification conditions identified by the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

As described more fully in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the proposed new YRDP license includes construction of a new Tailwater Depression System at the New Colgate Powerhouse, installation of outlet pipes at the Our House and Log Cabin Diversion Dams, and replacement of an existing gate at the Lohman Ridge Diversion Tunnel connecting the two diversion dams. The proposed new YRDP license also includes improvements to existing recreation facilities at New Bullards Bar Reservoir, two new campground areas, a picnic site, and a trail. Additionally, the proposed new YRDP license includes changes to existing license conditions affecting issues such as biological and cultural resources.

Moreover, as explained in the EIR, the new YRDP license may also include conditions intended to implement a suite of actions coordinated between the YRDP and upstream hydropower projects (operated by entities other than Yuba Water), to improve water temperatures in the lower Yuba River, should FERC decide to include such conditions. This scenario is characterized as Alternative 1 and identified as the environmentally superior alternative in the EIR; however, Yuba Water can only implement Alternative 1 if FERC first issues licenses for the YRDP and upstream projects that include the proposed Alternative 1 conditions, and the upstream projects operate under those new licenses.

The proposed new Narrows Project license would allow Yuba Water to continue to operate the Narrows Project in coordination with the YRDP. Yuba Water does not propose any changes to the existing Narrows Project works or facilities, and no new Narrows Project facilities are proposed.

The Yuba Water Board of Directors has authorized the acceptance of a new FERC license for the YRDP, should FERC ultimately issue a license including the same terms and conditions described in the EIR for either the proposed new YRDP license or for the YRDP license under Alternative 1. The Board has also authorized the acceptance of a new FERC license for the Narrows Project, should FERC ultimately issue a license including the same terms and conditions described in the EIR for the proposed new Narrows Project license, and if Yuba Water accepts a new FERC license for the YRDP.

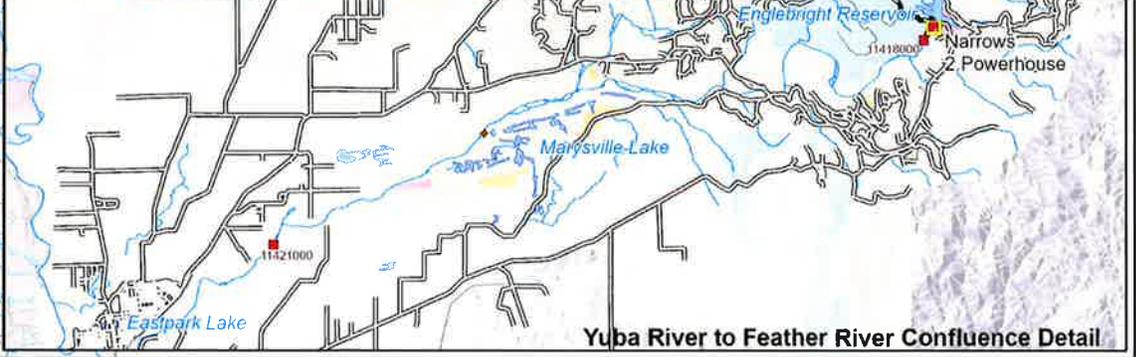
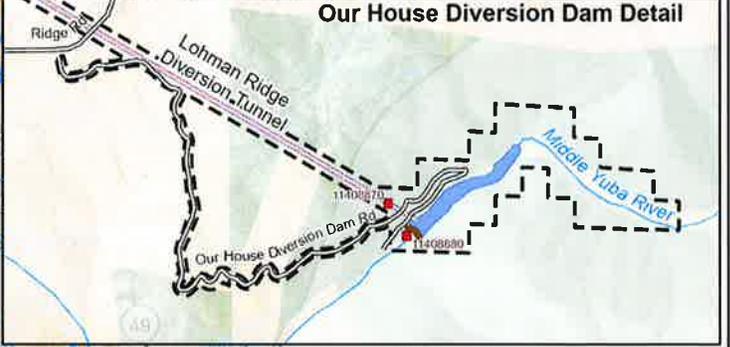
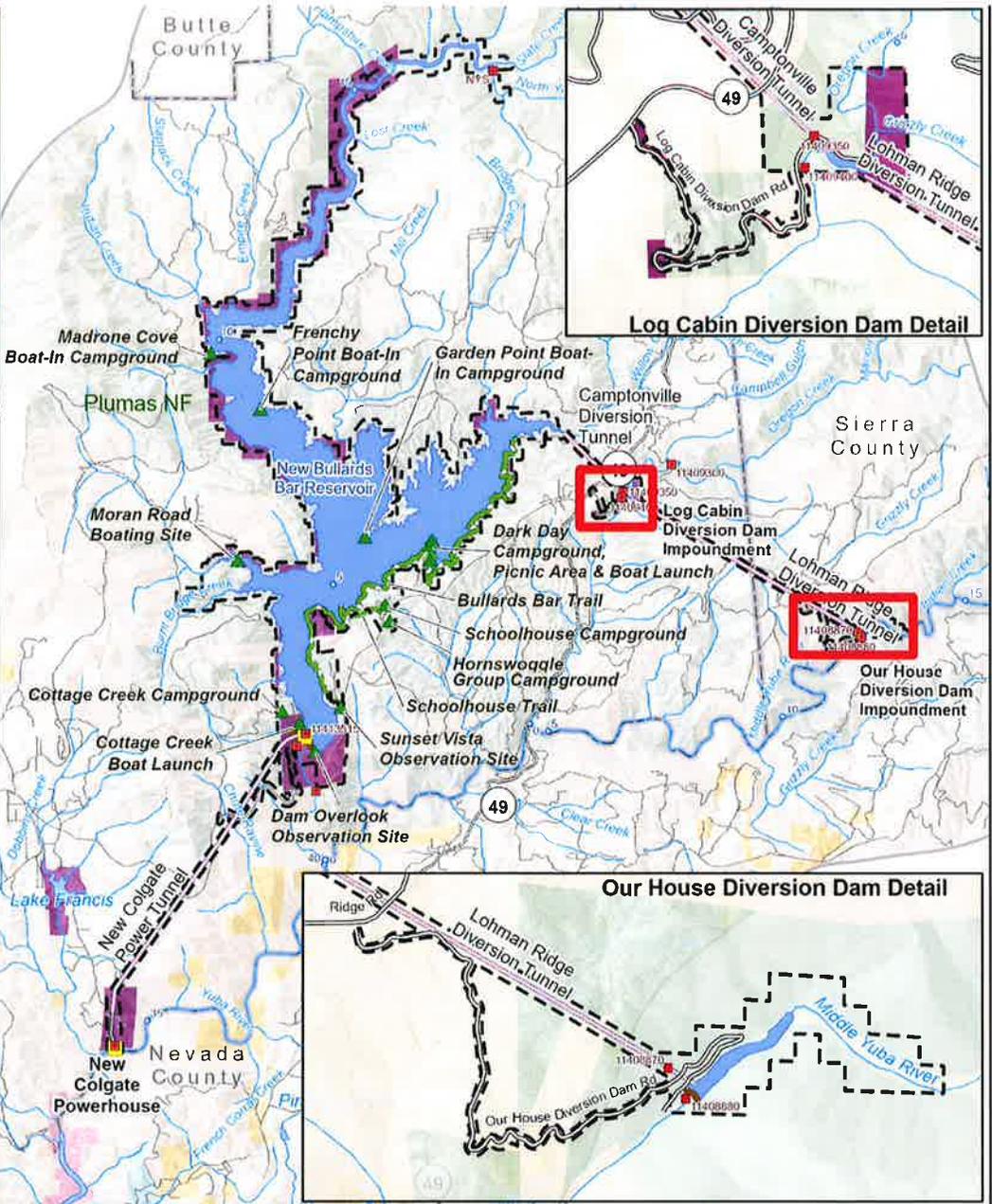


Land Ownership

- Private (or Other)
- Sierra Pacific Industries
- State of California
- Yuba County Water Agency

USA Administered By:

- Army Corps of Engineers
- Bureau of Land Management
- US Forest Service

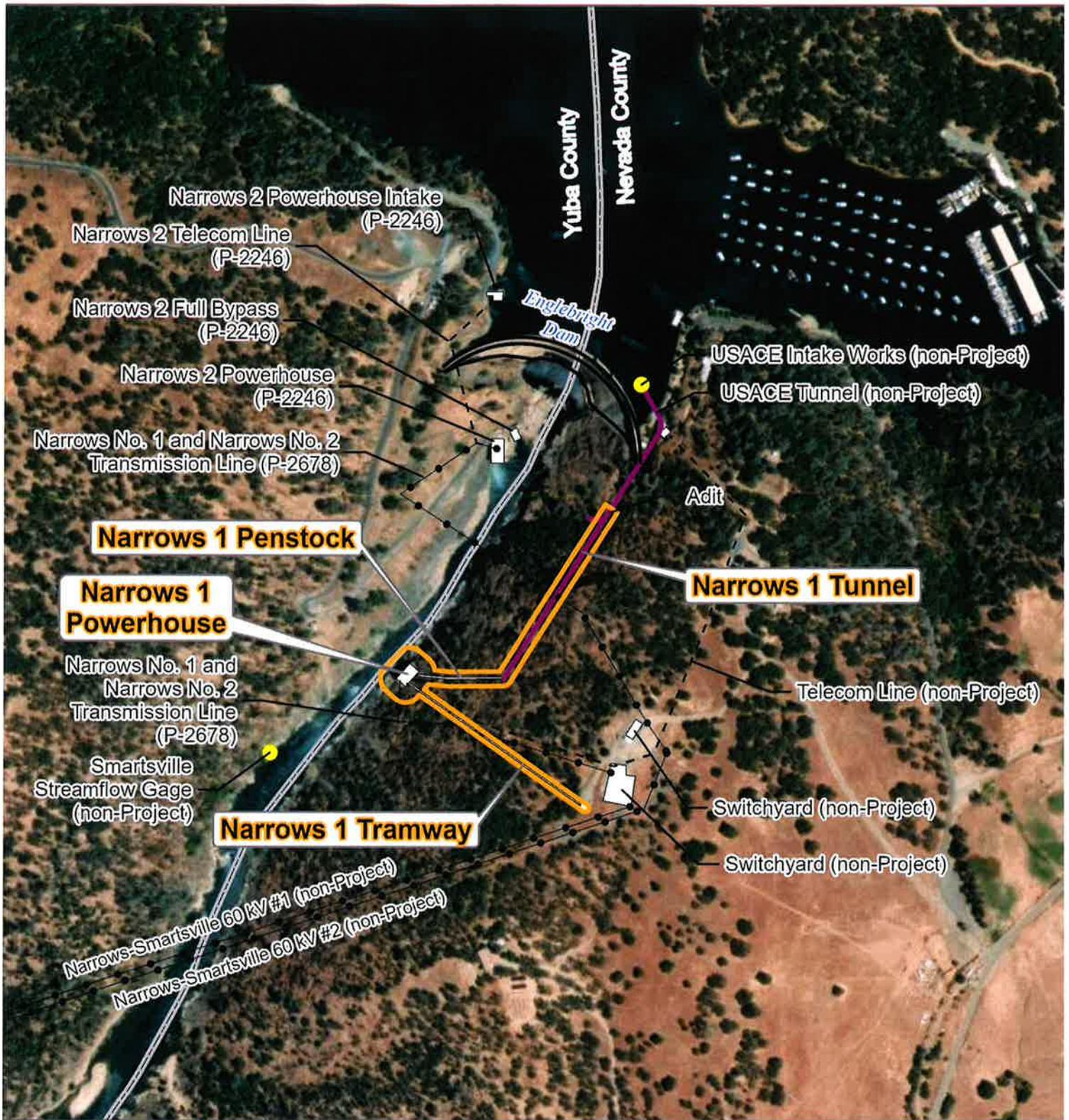


- River Mile Marker
- Gage Station
- Powerhouse
- Recreation Site
- Recreation Facility
- Project Trail
- Tunnel
- Penstock
- Dam
- FERC Project Boundary (No. 2246)
- Project Reservoir
- County Line

Figure 1
YRDP and Project Vicinity

Scale: 0 to 4.5 Miles

SOURCES: Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA, National Geographic, Esri, Garmin, HERE, UNEP-WCMC, USGS, NASA, ESA, METI, NRCAN, GEBCO, NOAA, ianplanet P Corp., Swatches, Esri, Garmin, USGS, NPS
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- Distribution Line
- Transmission Line
- Telecom Line
- FERC Boundary (No. 1403)
- County Line

P-2246 = YCWA's Yuba River Development Project
 P-2678 = PG&E's Narrows No. 1 and Narrows No. 2 Transmission Line Project

SOURCES: National Geographic Esri, Garmin, HERE, UIP, WGC, USGS, NASA, ESA, METI, DRC, GBCO, NOAA, increment P Corp., Maxar, Esri, HERE, Garmin, UCA, USGS, FIPS
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Figure 2
 Narrows Projects and Project Vicinity





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 46-10212025-016
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)
 2024101277

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LEAD AGENCY YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/21/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SIERRA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 202500016	

PROJECT TITLE
 YUBA RIVER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND NARROWS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FERC RELICENSINGS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (530)741-5000
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1220 F STREET	CITY MARYSVILLE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95901

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

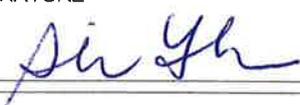
CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,123.50 \$ _____
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ _____
 Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,401.75 \$ _____
 Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

 Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
 County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$50.00
 Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Sierra Folsom, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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